(*b*) are they aware of the fact that yearly several cases of drowning occur due to accidents on account of the bridge being under water during rainy seasons;

(*c*) are they aware of the fact that the bus services from Punalur to Mundakayam and Kottayam to Ranni are generally being suspended during rainy seasons because of the Manimala bridge being under water; and

(*d*) what is the action the Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the people due to the uselessness of the Manimala bridge?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, during high floods.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, bus services are suspended when there is water over the bridge.

(*d*) None at present as the bridge is a submersible one and its use is limited to periods when there are no high floods.

Major irrigation works in Neyyattinkara and Vilavancode.

19. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any investigation has been made *re* the construction of a major irrigation work for the benefit of the ryots in Neyyattinkara and Vilavancode taluks;

(*b*) if so, what has been the result of the investigation?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, a preliminary investigation has been made.

(*b*) Further data are being collected, as such a large scheme cannot be launched without complete data.

Renewal of gun license.

20. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications from the Muvattupuzha—Devicolam taluks were received for the renewal of the gun license in the month of Karkatakam 1118, how many of which were renewed during that month and in the month of Chingom 1119 and how many were not renewed during that period?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*):

	Muvattupuzha.	*Devicolam.*
(*a*) Applications received in 12/1118	18	108
(*b*) Applications renewed in 12/1118	6	33
(*c*) Applications renewed in 1/1119	4	56
(*d*) Applications not renewed during that period	8	19

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